

**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant: **Bera, et al.**

Case: **8477/ETCH/DRIE**

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Group Art Unit: **2823**

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Title: **METHOD OF FABRICATING A DUAL DAMASCENE  
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 1, 2006**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 1, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on September 1, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.